the Russia Federation also deais, inter-alia, with terrorism in para-IO and states that "the Sides expressed their readiness to cooperate bilaterally and with all other States in combating terr orism, incmding that supported from out side, subversive activities and interna tional crime, which pose a serious threat to the territorial integrity and the demo cratic and secular nature of their States and the human rights of (heir citizens."

The texts of both the Decollations uic given in the annexure. (See Appendix 171, Annexure No. 33).

At the request of the Indian and Russian Governments, the above two documents have been circulated as a UN document to all member countries of the dnited Nations Organisation.

Supply of LPG by Private Companies to Industrial and Commercial Users

*252. SHRl PARMES1IWAR KUMAR AGARWALIA:

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Wfl! the Minister of PETROLEUM **AND** NATURAL GAS be pleased to itate:

(a) at what cost the private companies under the parallel marketing system of Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) import it from foreign countries;

(b) whether most of this LPG is being marketed by these private com panies to commercial and industrial users;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these private companies are making huge profits in this process without virtually spending nothing on creating port handling facilities; and

(e) if so, what are the details of the action Government contemplates in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The private parties importing LPG under parallel marketing system are free to negotiate their own prices and other terms with international uippliers.

(b) and (c) As per •• pe ' vailable, major portion of LPC jp; .. so far under the parallel marketing system has been sold to bulk consumers for indus trial and commercial purposes at market determined prices, details of which are. however, no! maintained !>y the Govern ment.

(d) and (e) The Government have allowed use of LPG handling and storage facilities of Government Oil Companies on commercial •cms subject to availability of spare capacity, in order to promote parallel marketing system. Some of the parallel marketeers are in the process of setting up their own import facilities.

Adjusting the Price of RFO/LSHS

***253.** SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of PET-ROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(al whether he is aware that in his budget speech this year the Finance Minister had committed that ther^ would be no change in the ceiling of the selling nrices of petroleum products due to change in duty structure from specific to ad valorem;

(b~i whether prices of products other than the RFO/LSHS wer$_e$ accordingly adjusted so as to keep the prices same as earlier before the application of ad valorem excise duty system;

(c) why the price of RFO/LSHS, which is used by industries was not similarly adjusted resulting in its price rise of 325—91 per metric tonne: aid

(d) whether Government would con sider remvofng th* anomatly as has been

represented by the National Council of Civil Liberties?

J *HE* MINISTER Of STAIE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPLAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d| The adminis tered price (ceiling selling price) of I SHS which is also appiicable to RFO has not been changed after the Budget. The administered price of this product has always be;n fixed exclusive of excise duty which is recoverable at the applicable rate depending on the end-use of the product. Change in the excise duty st ructure in the Budget is off-set by MODVAT credit available ch the use of RFO/LSHS.

Teak Plantation

*254**.** SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: **Wi:i** the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to promote teak plantation in the country;

(b) if so, the States where steps have been taken in that regard:

(c) whether steps are also being t il en to preserve the teak trees in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST? (SHRI KAAL NATH): (a) to)d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign Trained Militants In North Eastern Region

*255. SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that some Middle East countries, over and above Bangladesh and Pakistan, are giving anna training and supplying sop-ftSgfe*fatf 'weapclas" «td «4BT sspijjtrio*:

to the various militant outfits of the North East ou ihe soil ot B.angiadesu,

tb) if so, what effective steps asr.d measures have already been taken up;

(c) what diplomatic measures haye been initiated by Government with the Gov-enments of Sudan, Iran, Afghanistan, Paikstan an:! Bangladesh if so, with what results-

(d) what is Government's view about the long and continuous turmoil and terrorist acthities in the North East region; and

(e) what counter measures are being taken to thwart the designs of these! foreign hands, and also to take up proces for political reconciliation for a lasting peace jn the region?

Statement

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) There are reports of certain insurant groups ii the North East being supported by the Pak ISI agents in Bangladesh for the provision of safe havens. training weapons etc. However, there is no confirmed report on receiving of arms or training by insurgent groups of North East from tne Middle East Countries .

(b) and (e) The major insurgent group! stand declared as "UNLAWFUL" :,ni the affected areas notified as "Disturbed" areas. Besides inductions of additional units of Central para Military Forces. State and District level Coordination Committees have been set up for sharing of information and effective coordination of counter insurgency operations. Over and above the modernisation grant for State Police Forces, special financial assistance (Rs. 32.60 crores) has been released to the States of Assam, Nagaland and Manipur to tackle insurgency. Efforts have been made to take -ip the matte* *r*& ** ***meamos***^ neighbour^?